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Remarks/Arguments

The Final Office Action mailed August 2, 2004 has been received and carefully considered. Claims 5 - 8 and 12 - 16 are pending in the application, claims 1 - 4 and 9 - 11 being canceled by this Amendment After Final.

Claims 1 - 4 and 9 - 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,585,866, hereinafter "Miller") in view of Tsumura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,262,765, hereinafter "Tsumura"). Claims 5 - 8 and 12 - 16 have been indicated to have allowable subject matter.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, allowance is respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6440, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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